



**Solicitation Information
August 7, 2013**

Addendum #2

RFP # 7478367

Title: ENERGY MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES – MPA-488

Submission Deadline: Monday, August 19, 2013 at 11:15 AM (ET)

ATTACHED ARE VENDOR QUESTIONS WITH STATE RESPONSES.

NO FURTHER QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED.

**Gail Walsh
Chief Buyer**

The following evaluation criteria is added under Technical Proposal Required Elements/Evaluation Criteria – (3) Energy Management Experience and Expertise (20 points):

- Describe you/your organization's experience obtaining National Grid incentives for energy projects. Provide an overview of you/your organization's knowledge and experience with National Grid's incentive programs and the auditing framework necessary to maximize project incentives.

QUESTIONS WITH RESPONSES

1. The Request for Quote indicates the State's 10% goal for MBE participation, but does not specifically state if this procurement is set aside for only MBE participation. Is the procurement open to any firm, regardless of MBE status?

Further, our company is recognized by the U.S. Small Business Administration as a Minority-owned Small Disadvantaged Business and meets all requirements of a Minority Business Enterprise. However, we are not registered within our state as an MBE. Does the State of Rhode Island consider U.S. SBA an acceptable source pending approval of RI MBE application?

The minimum 10% MBE participation requirement as established per RIGL 37-14.1 may only be fulfilled by firms currently certified by the State of Rhode Island MBE Compliance Office as either an MBE or WBE. We do not recognize or accept the certification of any other jurisdiction, whether it is federal, state, local, or private. The directory of certified firms may be found on our website, located at www.mbe.ri.gov and the MBE Office is willing and able to assist.

2. I would like to find out if there is any specific preclusion in this procurement that would prevent any awardee from bidding on any actual energy management projects that might either come as a result of consulting services rendered through this contract vehicle or otherwise.

Our firm provides both consultant and engineering services and, separately, design-build installation services for energy management projects. We are interested in submitting our qualifications for this RFQ, but only if our response (and potential award) will not preclude us from the opportunity to provide project development and installation services for projects of this variety.

Vendors selected to provide consulting services would not be allowed to bid on any resulting work. The consultant expertise may be required during the implementation of the project.

3. The Request for Letters of Interest contains the following statement in paragraph 3 of the Background/Overview section, page 3: “This Request for Proposals is to solicit responses that are aligned with the School Construction Regulations so that services may be obtained in a timely fashion for specific projects of work.”

Please explain how such responses must be “aligned” with the School Construction Regulations.

Any services proposed in the proposal must be in compliance with the School Construction Regulations. The School Construction Regulations can be found at: <http://www.ride.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/inside-ride/Laws-Regulations/School-Construction-July-2007.pdf>

4. Please explain what information would need to be provided in audit reports created pursuant to this solicitation to align with School Construction Regulations.

The information necessary is contingent on what services the vendor is providing the district. Vendors may be asked to assist the district in preparing Necessity of School Construction applications or to prepare design documents. Submittal requirements for each of these are detailed in the School Construction Regulations referenced in the answer to Vendor C’s first question.

5. Is there any RI law or practice prohibiting firms providing audits as a result of this solicitation from participating in future implementation of maintenance or facility improvements identified in the audits?

See answer to Vendor B’s question.

6. Will RIDE determine the number of audits to be completed, the timing for completion, and establish other requirements for services provided through this solicitation? Or,

No – RIDE is creating an MPA to help districts procure energy management services.

7. Is participation by Local Education Agencies (LEAs) voluntary, with details of scheduling and timing coordinated directly by the LEA and the successful respondent to this solicitation?

Yes.

8. How many facilities will require energy audits?

RIDE is not procuring energy management services for any particular project or on behalf of any district. By responding to this RFP, vendors are seeking to be placed on a qualified vendor list that is available to districts seeking energy management consulting services.

9. How many facilities will need to be added to EPA Portfolio Manager?

See response to previous question.

10. What level of energy audit does RIDE expect? ASHRAE I, II, or III?

The level of the energy audit will be determined by the Local Education Agency that is procuring the work.

11. Do you have a list of school facilities with square footage?

For informational purposes, the Statewide Schoolhouse Assessment has square footages of all Rhode Island public school district facilities:

<http://www.ride.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Funding-and-Finance-Wise-Investments/School-Facilities/School-Construction-Program/FINAL-SCHOOLHOUSE-REPORT.pdf>

12. How many energy management workshops does the RIDE plan to host?

RIDE does not currently intend to provide any energy management workshops. As stated above, RIDE is not procuring energy management consulting services. See answer to Vendor D's first question.

13. Please clarify what is meant by "NECHPHS protocol knowledge" in the first paragraph of Page 5 of the "Request for Letters" section of the RFQ.

'NECHPHS' was a misspelling of 'NECHPS,' which is the acronym for the Northeast Collaborative for High Performance Schools protocol. All school construction work must comply with the NECHPS protocol.